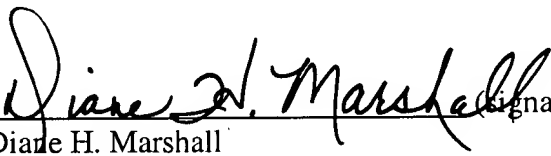


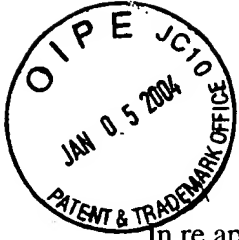
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 3, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect Group IV (claims 16 – 20) with traverse. Because a Reply was initially due January 3, 2004 (a Saturday), no fee is believed necessary.

Applicants note that the asserted basis for the restriction requirement was not understood, in view of the fact that both “substance addiction” (Group II) and “Tourette’s syndrome” (Group III) are “neuropsychiatric disorders” (Group IV). See Applicants’ specification, *e.g.*, at p. 4, line 18 (para 0013 in the published application); in the Abstract; and throughout. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the claims presently included in Groups II and III should be examined together with the claims of Group IV. It does not appear that this would impose any undue burden on the examiner or require any search beyond that necessary to the examination of Group IV.

Accordingly, Applicants provisionally elect Group IV with traversal as noted, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement with regard

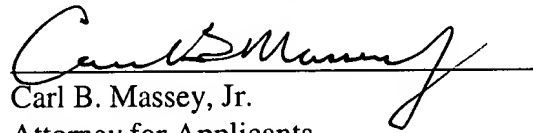
to Groups II and III. Applicants respectfully request that the claims of those Groups be examined together with Group IV.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative using the information provided below if she has any questions or comments regarding this Reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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